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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jane Hodgkinson on
4 the occasion of her retirement as executive director of the
5 Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA); and

6 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson began her advocacy for residents
7 with disabilities in 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, During her 30-year tenure, Jane Hodgkinson lived
9 and breathed the ethic she lived by, "Equal Fun for Everyone",
10 by helping residents with disabilities realize their potential
11 through equal access to recreational opportunities; and

12 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson's exhaustive advocacy for
13 Illinois residents with disabilities included her promotion of
14 legislative measures to ensure expanded funding for special
15 recreation services throughout the State of Illinois; and

16 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson's focused commitment to improving
17 the quality of life of residents with disabilities included
18 professional service as a founding board member of the Illinois
19 Special Olympics and in leadership positions with the Illinois
20 Parks and Recreation Association, the Illinois Association of
21 Park Districts, and the Park District Risk Management Agency;

1 she also served as an instructor and trainer for Very Special
2 Arts; and

3 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson is the co-author of three books:
4 "Introduction to Recreation and Leisure", "Art for All: Making
5 It Happen", and "Volunteers: the Key to Successful Special
6 Olympic Programs"; she also published over 25 articles in
7 numerous professional publications, including Sports 'n
8 Spokes, Athletic Business, and Chicago Special Parent, and the
9 publications of the National Recreation and Park Association,
10 the Florida Recreation and Park Association, and the Illinois
11 Park and Recreation Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson has served as a board member or
13 chairperson on numerous committees and organizations,
14 including the Illinois Special Olympics, the Illinois Park and
15 Recreation Association and its Therapeutic Recreation and
16 Administration and Finance Sections, the Illinois Association
17 of Park Districts, the Parents Alliance Employment Project, the
18 University of St. Francis Recreation Advisory Council, the
19 College of DuPage Advisory Board, the Southern Illinois
20 University Chicago Alumni Chapter, the Southern Illinois
21 University Foundation, the Park District Risk Management
22 Agency and its Risk Management Institute, the Marianjoy
23 Rehabilitation Hospital, the National Recreation and Park
24 Association CPRP Examination Board and Gold Medal Award Board,

1 the DuPage County Autism Board of Directors, 100 Women Who
2 Care, the Wheaton League of Women Voters, the Carol Stream
3 Rotary Club, the Carol Stream Chamber of Commerce and its Women
4 in Business Networking Group, the City of Wheaton
5 Sesquicentennial Commission, the Paratransit Committee of
6 DuPage County, the West Chicago Park Foundation Board, the
7 Board of Directors of Life's Plan, Incorporated, the Wheaton
8 Chamber of Commerce's Governmental Affairs Committee, and the
9 Wheaton Park District Referendum Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Jane Hodgkinson's tireless efforts on behalf of
11 special needs residents has earned her well-deserved
12 recognition by her profession, including the Robert Artz Award,
13 the Fellow Award, and the Professional Award from the Illinois
14 Park and Recreation Association, two National Golden Medal
15 Awards from the National Recreation and Park Association, and
16 the Outstanding Women Leader Community Service from the DuPage
17 County YWCA; in 2010, she was named a Legend by the American
18 Academy for Park and Recreation Administration; therefore, be
19 it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Jane Hodgkinson on the occasion of her
23 retirement and commend her for her 30 years of distinguished
24 professional service and advocacy to area special needs

1 residents, their family members, and caregivers; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Jane Hodgkinson as a symbol of our esteem and
5 respect.